

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An extended-range~~ less-lethal projectile comprising:

a ~~non-penetrating~~ penetration-resistant kinetic energy projectile having a generally cylindrical body including a forward end and a rearward end;

said forward end including a protruding convex member extending therefrom, such that the center of mass of said projectile is closer to said forward end than to said rearward end, thereby increasing the weight of said body at said forward end, and further including a hollow cylindrical bore extending from said rearward end wherein said ~~cylindrical~~ cylindrical body is solid from said cylindrical bore to said forward end; ~~and, wherein~~ wherein said body ~~being~~ is formed of a homogeneous non-metallic material having a durometer hardness of between about 20 and 90, said durometer hardness being less than that of metallic rounds.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An extended-range~~ less-lethal projectile of claim 1, wherein said protruding convex member is dome shaped.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~An extended-range~~ less-lethal projectile of claim 3, wherein said dome shaped protruding convex member is surrounded by a rim.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~An extended-range~~ less-lethal projectile ~~munition~~ of claim 1, wherein said body is manufactured of material molded from the group consisting of rubber, foam and plastic.
6. (Cancelled).
7. (Currently Amended) A less-lethal shot gun round comprising:
- a generally elongate tubular hull having a forward end and an opposed rearward end;
 - a base enclosing said rearward end of said hull;
 - a propellant contained within said base;
 - a wad sealably positioned in said hull adjacent said rearward end; and
 - a ~~non-penetrating~~ penetration-resistant kinetic energy projectile carried in said hull, said ~~slug~~ projectile being a generally cylindrical member having an outer cylindrical wall, said projectile having a rearward end with a hollow cylindrical bore extending from said rearward end and further including a convex solid head from said cy[[c]]lindrical bore to said forward end of said cylindrical member such that the center of mass of said projectile is closer to said forward end than to said rearward end, thereby increasing the weight of said projectile at said forward end[[;]], said projectile being formed of a homogeneous non-metallic material having a durometer hardness of between about 20 and 90, said durometer hardness being less than that of conventional shot gun projectile materials.

8. (Cancelled).
9. (Currently Amended) A less-lethal shot gun round of claim 7₁ wherein said outer cylindrical wall is dimpled.
10. (Cancelled).
11. (Currently Amended) A less-lethal shot gun round of claim 7₁ wherein said projectile is manufactured of material molded from the group consisting of rubber, foam and plastic.
12. (Cancelled).
13. (Currently Amended) A less-lethal shot gun round of claim 7₁ wherein said non-metallic material has a mass that is less than that of conventional shot gun projectile materials.
14. (Currently Amended) A less-lethal shot gun round of claim 7₁ wherein said non-metallic material has a density that is less than that of conventional shot gun projectile materials.